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OUR CAMPAIGN OFFER.

In this issue will be found an excellent campaign offer in connection with the TALLAHASSEEAN. Many of our readers no doubt think they know how the national election will go next month. If so, they will find an opportunity in this offer to compensate themselves for devoting a little time toward guessing and sending the same to this office. The complexion of each State in the last election is given, together with the number of popular and electoral votes. All you have to do is to fill in the blank, enclose the amount of all subscription due and one year in advance and mail it with your guess. The contest will be conducted absolutely fair and somebody will get a prize—in fact several prizes—in cash.

COUNT THE COST.

The tax-payers of Florida have before them the question of building or not building a new Capitol, and before they go to the polls on the sixth of November, it behooves them to closely count the cost of the scheme. He is considered a wise man who learns from the experiences of others and avoids the traps and pitfalls into which they were so blindly lead.

This question has confronted the tax-payers of other States and their experience show that they invariably miscalculated the cost. For examples, we point to South Carolina that has appropriated, \$2,300,000, on a still unfinished Capitol. The city of Toronto, Ont., began a city hall twenty years ago which was estimated to cost the tax-payers \$300,000 and already \$2,345,000, has been expended on the unfinished building. The Capitol at Albany, N. Y., was estimated to cost \$5,000,000, at the most, but it has cost more than \$24,000,000, and is still unfinished. The city of Philadelphia commenced thirty years ago to build a city hall which has cost to date, with fittings and furnishings, \$24,000,000, and \$5,000,000 more will be needed to complete it. With such examples to warn us, would it not be the height of folly for the people of Florida to embark in a similar undertaking when there is no necessity. We have a Capitol that has proved adequate for many years and will still continue to be so for many years to come. In all the instances mentioned above, the advocates had put their estimates of the cost so low that the tax-payer was not frightened at the outlay and readily granted the appropriation, but as we see, in every case the actual expenditure ran up into the millions and also, in every

case, the buildings are unfinished. Unless the tax-payers of Florida want to wake some future day and find themselves and their children saddled with a great and increasing debt, let them stop this cry for a new Capitol, raised entirely by Jacksonville politicians, for political ends. Let them put their condemnation on this nefarious scheme, and by their votes so overwhelm its advocates, that they will not dare again to raise their voices in its advocacy. The representatives of the State are the proper parties to say when a new Capitol is needed, and not the assembled delegates of any political party, whose decisions are so often the result of political wire-pulling, and it will be time for the people to vote for such new building, when their sworn legislators decide to put the question before them.

To an overwhelming majority of the people of the State, it is simply a question of voting for or against their best interests, says the Metropolis. Right you are. It is a question of voting for or against an increase of \$30,000 in their annual taxes for the next thirty years.

The situation is simply this: Will the citizens of Florida vote to tax themselves to erect a new building costing over one million dollars, or will they vote to let the Capital remain at Tallahassee, where they have a building already sufficient for all the needs of the State for the next fifty years, and which will not cost them one cent to keep.

The Monicello Tribune has been sold by Editor Corr to Messrs. S. and T. M. Puleston of that place. The latter gentlemen promise to make of it one of the best weekly newspapers in the State.

With electric lights and a northern outlet, Tallahassee will start the new century with progress as her watchword.

Our sister State, Georgia, gives the Democratic party 60,000 majority this year, and elects a solid Congressional delegation for a third term.

The Brooksville News-Register is out in a brand new dress, and looks as neat as a pin.

Capital Removal.

I admire Jacksonville for its enterprising public spirit. I like it for its "git up and git," for its unbounded "Woolsey" like ambition, for its many generous and courteous citizens, who have spent their money lavishly to make the city what it is today, the metropolis of the State. Let her grow, let her "expand," let her fill the measure of her ambition to overflowing, but not at the expense of the tax-payers of the State, who happen to reside outside of the limits of Jacksonville and of Duval county.

Jacksonville is not the proper place for the State Capital, with all its "boasted accessibility and superior advantages." Its great "accessibility" is a very strong reason why it should not be made the seat of government. Capitals of States should not be located on the sea-board for the reason that they can be destroyed by bombardment, if the United States should at any time be engaged in war with England, France, Russia, Germany or Italy. The Capitals of the following States located on the Atlantic, Pacific and Gulf of Mexico are situated at interior towns, except two: California, Sacramento; Connecticut, Hartford; Delaware, Dover; Florida, Tallahassee; Georgia, Atlanta; Louisiana, Baton Rouge; Maine, Augusta; Massachusetts (exception), Boston; Maryland (exception), Annapolis; Michigan, Lansing; New Hampshire, Concord; New Jersey, Trenton; New York, Albany; North Carolina, Raleigh; South Carolina, Columbia; Oregon, Salem; Pennsylvania, Harrisburg; Rhode Island, Providence; Texas, Austin; Virginia, Richmond; Washington, Olympia.

Quoting from the late lamented and distinguished statesman, Benjamin H. Hill, of Georgia, who said, "In times of peace prepare for war," therefore when we have a strong strategic position at Tallahassee, where the State building, the archives and the records of the State are absolutely safe, no argument can be brought forward that will convince the tax-payer that the Capital should be moved to Jacksonville, where the building and the archives and records are liable to destruction by foreign battleships, thus entailing a very heavy loss upon the tax-payer, who must make the loss good by rebuilding the State building, and suffer an irreparable loss in the destruction of the archives and records. There are many lofty sentiments and endearing

memories which cluster around the Capital building at Tallahassee, but these, while grand and beautiful, should not weigh one iota in the question of the removal of the State Capital. If there was no other logical reason than the question of increased taxation, it alone should be sufficient to convince the tax-paying voter to cast his vote in favor of Tallahassee. No tax-payer is willing to increase his taxes by a removal of the Capital (which would greatly benefit Jacksonville without a corresponding benefit to the balance of the State) when by voting for Tallahassee he keeps his taxes down, and within the possibility of payment. Let the tax-payer take into consideration the many millions of assessable property, which were removed from the assessment roll by the late freeze, when the orange industry was almost obliterated, followed by a large shrinkage of values, low prices of cotton, syrup and other farm commodities, droughts and excessive rains, then the tax-payer, opposed to the increase of taxation would not hesitate a moment to cast his ballot in favor of Tallahassee. The burden of taxation has always been the strong argument of the Democratic campaigner. If it was convincing as against the extravagance of the Republican party when it was in power in this State, then it should as quickly appeal to the white Democratic voters when it comes from a Democratic source. The Capital City Club has plainly demonstrated to the tax-payer that the Capital is strong and sufficient. The business of the State has been transacted in it when the taxable property of the State was many millions larger than it is today and surely it is roomy enough to do so now. The expense incident to a removal of the State Capital is an unknown quantity. It may be \$500,000.00, or it may be \$1,000,000.00. Tax-payers beware of the fictitious promises which you see in the newspapers. No county or city can legally bond itself for any such purpose.

You can rest assured that a very large percentage of the expense to be incurred in the removal of the State Capital to any other place will come out of the pockets of the tax-payer.—H. F. Sharon in Quincy New Era.

After meals you should have simply a feeling of comfort and satisfaction. You should not feel any special indications that digestion is going on. If you do, you have indigestion, which means not digestion. This may be the beginning of so many dangerous diseases, that it is best to take it in hand at once and treat it with Shaker Digestive Cordial. For you know that indigestion makes poison, which causes pain and sickness. And that Shaker Digestive Cordial helps digestion and cures indigestion. Shaker Digestive Cordial does this by providing the digestive materials in which the stomach is wanting. It also tones up and strengthens the digestive organs and makes them perfectly healthy. This is the rationale of its methods of cure, as the doctors would say. Sold by druggists, price 10 cents to \$1.00 per bottle.

Capital Removal.

We are pleased to note that the Jacksonville Metropolis, hitherto a rabid advocate for the removal of the Capital from Tallahassee to Jacksonville gives vent to the following in a recent issue, which fully corresponds with our views:

"The statement is made and reiterated time without number that the removal of the Capital from Tallahassee will entail the saddling of a \$2,000,000 debt upon the people. In the first place the contracting of any such debt would be in direct violation of the Constitution, and even were it not, the people are not foolish enough to assume any such

"BURNING MONEY."

The most precious possession on earth is perfect health. It is the ground-work of all prosperity in life; and few people grudge any reasonable expenditure which will be the means of restoring it; but one of the most disheartening things in the world is to find one who works hard for his money to keep paying it out for doctors and medicines that do no earthly good. It is like throwing it into the fire.

"We had spent lots of money for doctor bills and I had almost given up in despair," says Mrs. Ella Schall, of Moosehead, Lucerne Co., Pa., in a sincere letter to Dr. R. V. Pierce, of Buffalo, N. Y. "Then I told my husband I was going to write to you. I am very glad I did so. You remember my case was absence of the breast. Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery cured me in one month, sound and well."

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heavy and unnecessary obligation." There is no necessity for removing the Capital, and we hope the people will have sense enough to let it remain where it is. The Florida Index, edited by John M. Caldwell, who once owned the Key West Equator-Democrat, remarks:

The Constitution is the people's safeguard from outrage, the bulwark of their liberties and their fortress of defence from tyranny and usurpation. No act of any legislature can annul any of its provisions, nor change it, not even to the crossing of a T or dotting of an I. No court, from that of a justice of the peace to the Supreme Court of the State, can abrogate any of its requirements. Every citizen of the State before he is permitted to vote or hold any office is compelled to swear to "protect and defend" this Constitution.

The Constitution provides how it may be amended, how revised, and how Constitutional Conventions for this purpose may be convened. Yet, in this good year of our Lord 1900, we are treated to the spectacle of a gang of politicians endeavoring to call a Constitutional Convention and endeavoring to move the State Capital, just as though no Constitution were in existence.

The Constitution provides that the seat of government shall be at the city of Tallahassee. To change this provision by inserting Jacksonville, or any other city, the change must be proposed at a regular session of the Legislature, agreed to by a three-fifth vote of all the members elected to each house, the vote entered on the respective journals, be published in a newspaper in each county in the State, where newspapers are published, for three months preceding the next general election, submitted to the voters for their approval or rejection, and if a majority votes in favor of the proposed change, then the change is made and it becomes part of the Constitution.

Such, in brief, are the requirements of our State Constitution, which every voter in the State is bound by his oath to observe. Yet in the face of these requirements a small number of Jacksonville politicians, who happened to get control of the Duval county delegation to the State Convention, by reason of the 22 votes of that delegation, traded around till they got incorporated in the platform put forth by the State Convention, "that the question of the removal of the State government and the question as to the holding of a Constitutional Convention should be settled by the white Democratic electors of the State, at a primary election to be held at the time of holding the State election."

A Negro Girl Killed.

On last Sunday in the northern part of the county near Dawkins Pond a small negro girl seven years old was shot and instantly killed by a negro boy fourteen years of age. It seems that all the older members of the family went to church, leaving this small girl in charge of the smaller children. The boy, whose name, we could not learn, was left at the house with the child. On the family's return from church, the girl could not be found and a search being made was found lying in the yard, dead from a gunshot wound in the face. The child's face was almost completely shot away. The boy was found and on being questioned acknowledged doing the killing. We could not learn what his account of the killing was and are unable to state whether it was accidental or not. The child was the daughter of Charley Cross, who works for Mr. Duncan in the cemetery in this city, and was buried here on Monday.

To the Deaf.

A rich lady, cured of her deafness and noises in the head by Dr. Nicholson's Artificial Ear Drums, gave \$10,000 to his Institute, so that deaf people unable to procure the Ear Drums may have them free. Address No. 1296 The Nicholson Institute, 780 Eighth Avenue, New York. 14-17

A Solon's Say.

Please give me space in the columns of your patriotic paper for a few words in regard to the Capitol removal and the calling of a Constitutional Convention, as this question will be brought before the people on November 6th for ratification or rejection.

For the removal of the Capital and the calling of a Constitutional Convention there has been no demand only by a few politicians, and they have given no valid reasons. The majority of the servants of the people defeated this same question the last Florida Legislature. Why? Because it meant a cost to the tax-payers of Florida of one million and seventy thousand dollars. This is a useless expenditure of money which must be derived from the people by taxation, hence I am just the same today as I was two years ago. I helped to defeat the resolutions in the Legislature and I shall help to defeat them at the primary on November 6th. This calling of a Constitutional Convention is only a political scheme, whereby to seek the

removal of Capital, if the method of securing an amendment to the Constitution should fail, and I feel sure it will, as there is too much extravagance to be seen in the evidence involved in the questions.

Now, Mr. Editor, as a practical illustration, we will give the following in reference to calling a Constitutional Convention:

If a man own a vessel and all of her framework is good and strong, with only a few of her planking defective, is it not much cheaper to put in the necessary planks, than it is to condemn the whole vessel and build a new one? or, in other words, if a man has a wagon with three good wheels, is it not cheaper to build a new wheel than to build a new wagon? This being admitted, the same rule is applicable to the building of a new Capitol or calling a Constitutional Convention. These are not local questions, involving simply a contest between one locality and another, but an important State issue, which appeals directly to each individual tax-payer; in other words, the issue is the conservative citizen against the extravagant politician, who seeks the expenditure of the hard-earned money of the conservative, for that which is absolutely unnecessary.

All this being facts, let me say, in the name and purity of the Democratic party, that has stood as a brick wall against all such extravagant form of government for the past 24 years in this glorious old State, consider well and let the waves of the ocean roll over a set of greedy politicians, whose main object is to oppress and keep in slavery the masses—the toiling poor.

Success to Tallahassee and true Democracy, which is a "government of the people, by the people and for the people"—J. H. Harvell, member Legislature for Santa Rosa county, in Milton Journal.

No Right to Ugliness.

The woman who is lovely in face form and temper will always have friends, but one who would be attractive must keep her health. If she is weak, sickly and all run down, she will be nervous and irritable. If she has constipation or kidney trouble, her impure blood will cause pimples, blotches, skin eruptions and a wretched complexion. Electric Bitters is the best medicine in the world to regulate stomach, liver and kidneys and to purify the blood. It gives strong nerves, bright eyes, smooth, velvety skin, rich complexion. It will make a good looking, charming woman of a run-down invalid. Only 50 cents at all Drug Stores.

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